

# MONTANA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

March 2002

## UNEMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY

*Not seasonally adjusted*

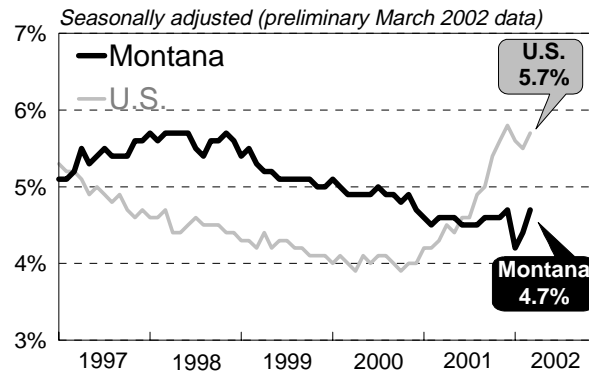
	March 2001	March 2002*
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	4.6%	6.1%
<b>MONTANA</b>	5.5%	5.5%
Cascade **	5.1%	5.1%
Missoula **	4.2%	4.2%
Yellowstone **	3.8%	4.2%
Beaverhead	4.3%	4.2%
Big Horn	15.5%	18.0%
Blaine	8.8%	7.3%
Broadwater	5.9%	5.3%
Carbon	5.2%	5.7%
Carter	3.2%	3.2%
Chouteau	3.8%	3.6%
Custer	4.9%	4.0%
Daniels	4.1%	3.5%
Dawson	2.9%	3.1%
Deer Lodge	8.1%	6.7%
Fallon	3.7%	4.4%
Fergus	8.2%	6.2%
Flathead	7.6%	7.3%
Gallatin	2.5%	3.1%
Garfield	2.6%	4.2%
Glacier	13.5%	11.0%
Golden Valley	5.4%	7.9%
Granite	10.3%	9.8%
Hill	4.5%	4.0%
Jefferson	4.5%	5.0%
Judith Basin	5.4%	6.9%
Lake	11.3%	10.4%
Lewis & Clark	4.4%	5.1%
Liberty	3.0%	2.9%
Lincoln	16.7%	15.3%
McCone	3.4%	2.4%
Madison	5.7%	5.3%
Meagher	7.4%	8.3%
Mineral	10.7%	10.2%
Musselshell	7.5%	10.0%
Park	5.8%	5.9%
Petroleum	6.1%	3.9%
Phillips	5.3%	6.4%
Pondera	4.8%	6.1%
Powder River	2.9%	4.7%
Powell	6.3%	6.2%
Prairie	7.1%	5.6%
Ravalli	5.4%	6.0%
Richland	7.3%	8.2%
Roosevelt	8.7%	8.3%
Rosebud	8.1%	6.8%
Sanders	11.5%	12.4%
Sheridan	4.7%	4.6%
Silver Bow	5.8%	6.1%
Stillwater	3.4%	3.8%
Sweet Grass	3.0%	4.0%
Teton	4.8%	4.1%
Toole	2.9%	3.0%
Treasure	5.4%	6.5%
Valley	5.0%	5.1%
Wheatland	3.3%	7.5%
Wibaux	3.9%	4.5%

\*March 2002 rate preliminary

\*\* Cascade=Great Falls MSA  
Missoula=Missoula MSA  
Yellowstone=Billings MSA

## March 2002 HIGHLIGHTS

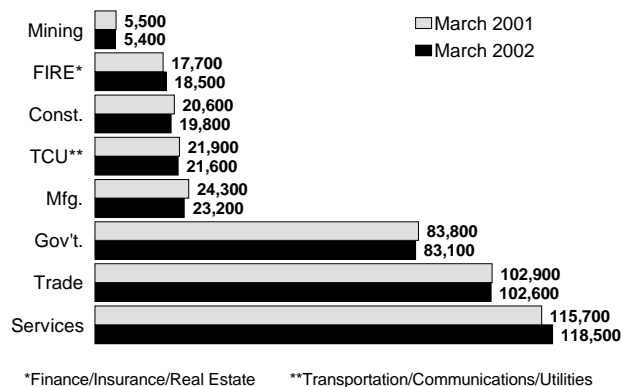
### Unemployment



Montana's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in March—a full percentage point below the national rate.

### Nonag Payroll Employment

Montana Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)



Montana's nonagricultural payroll employment was up about 0.1 percent over the year.

- Services was up about 2,800 jobs.
- Manufacturing was down approximately 900 jobs.
- Construction was down about 800 jobs.

### Earnings

Average weekly earnings for Montana's private sector production workers were up 3.0 percent over the year in March, outpacing U.S. inflation, which was up 1.5 percent.

## 2000 CENSUS

### Population by race

The 2000 Census reports the following population by race information for Montana:

- White: 90.6%
- Native American: 6.2%
- Asian: 0.5%
- Black/African American: 0.3%
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 0.1%
- Some other race: 0.6%
- Two or more races: 1.7%

For more Census information, visit the Montana Census and Economic Information Center website at <http://ceic.commerce.state.mt.us>.

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# WHICH MONTANA INDUSTRIES PAY ABOVE AVERAGE WAGES?

Montana average annual wage, covered employment\*, year 2000 = \$24,275

	2000 Avg. Annual Employment	2000 Avg. Annual Wage		2000 Avg. Annual Employment	2000 Avg. Annual Wage
<b><i>Agricultural, forestry &amp; fishing</i></b>	<b><i>4,853</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 18,603</i></b>	<b><i>Transportation, commun. &amp; utilities</i></b>	<b><i>19,038</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 32,760</i></b>
Forestry	229	30,941	Pipelines, except natural gas	94	55,725
<b><i>Mining</i></b>	<b><i>4,976</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 49,057</i></b>	Electric, gas & sanitary services	3,753	48,777
Metal mining	1,942	55,500	Communications	4,154	35,869
Coal mining	892	55,101	Trucking & warehousing	5,696	29,046
Mining & quarrying, nonmetal	773	41,236	Air transportation	2,505	28,622
Oil & gas extraction	1,367	40,455	<b><i>Wholesale trade</i></b>	<b><i>18,359</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 30,487</i></b>
<b><i>Construction</i></b>	<b><i>19,698</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 28,996</i></b>	Durable goods	9,997	31,782
Heavy construction	3,673	37,369	Nondurable goods	8,362	28,940
General building	5,836	27,120	<b><i>Finance, insurance &amp; real estate</i></b>	<b><i>17,607</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 31,383</i></b>
Special trade	10,188	27,056	Security & commodity dealers	1,042	82,229
<b><i>Manufacturing</i></b>	<b><i>24,709</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 31,392</i></b>	Holding & other investments offices	661	41,594
Petroleum refining	963	61,161	Nondepository credit institutions	950	34,145
Paper	722	53,774	Insurance carriers	2,425	32,375
Chemicals	635	40,046	Insurance agents, brokers & service	2,363	30,860
Primary metals	1,022	38,385	Depository institutions	6,496	28,331
Instruments	466	32,356	<b><i>Services</i></b>	<b><i>113,048</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 21,896</i></b>
Lumber & wood products	7,156	32,095	Legal services	2,458	36,648
Electrical machinery	415	31,859	Engineering services	7,786	35,400
Stone, clay, glass & concrete	1,043	30,949	Miscellaneous services	243	31,843
Fabricated metals	838	30,181	Health services	34,561	29,403
Nonelectrical machinery	2,387	29,530	<b><i>Government</i></b>	<b><i>72,600</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 28,878</i></b>
Transportation equipment	526	27,700	Federal gov. (civilian)	13,484	41,972
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1,260	27,392	State gov. (incl. public education)	20,282	29,369
Food products	2,599	27,291			
Rubber & misc. plastics	453	24,563			

\*Covered employment includes workforce working for employers subject to Montana's unemployment insurance (UI) laws.  
SOURCE: Montana Dept. of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau, Covered Employment & Wages (ES-202 Series).

# WHAT'S "COVERED EMPLOYMENT"?

- Covered employment includes those working for employers covered by unemployment insurance laws. In Montana, approximately 83 percent of Montana's employment is covered employment.
- Noncovered employment includes the self-employed, railroad workers, volunteers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers. Most agricultural workers are noncovered.

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